



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer at the 2017 Ontario Lacrosse Festival

In 2016 the Festival hosted 522 teams and approximately 10,250 athletes, featuring competition for 44 provincial and national lacrosse championships for players ranging from 6-21 years old. Approximately 1,055 games were played. The event takes place on 14 arena pads as well as outdoor fields. The Festival relies largely on volunteers to provide the manpower necessary for success. The 2017 event dates are Friday, August 4th to Sunday, August 13th.

Commitment

Because the arenas operate from 8am to 10pm each day, it is ideal to have 3 shifts of volunteers. This means that the optimum minimum volunteer time on any day is 4-5 hours. For those volunteers who come from outside Durham Region, and who can volunteer for longer than one day, accommodation is provided upon request at Durham College. The Volunteer Coordinator will schedule you at the venue of your choice if you have family members competing.

Volunteer in a Single or Double Pad Arena

There will always be an experienced volunteer at each arena to train and guide you and make sure you are comfortable with the duties you are assigned.

- Check registration cards and completed game sheets prior to each game
- Liaise with Officials (referees, timekeepers etc.)- Provide support for same
- Communicate needs to facility staff
- Communicate any needs, concerns etc. to the tournament convenor and/or RIC
- Record and report scores
- Supervise on pads where concerns have been identified
- Deliver and collect game sheets
- Pay minor officials

Volunteer at Iroquois Park

The Iroquois Park Facility is the Tournament Headquarters. This means that duties are more numerous and varied than in other facilities. Provincial and National Tournaments are running simultaneously. Your involvement with the National Tournament will be marginal (as noted below) unless you are assigned to specific duties related to Nationals.

In addition to the above duties you may be asked to perform the following:

- Package and distribute hats, programs etc. to teams
- Assist in handing out medals, trophies, banners
- Sell tickets to National Finals
- Assist at National Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Assist in the National 'Welcome' event
- Crowd control, admission and security at National Medal Games
- Physical labour (if able) – the elevator to Whitney Hall has made this much easier
- Delivery to other arenas

Benefits

As well as being a part of the biggest amateur sporting event in Canada, giving lacrosse players of all ages a fantastic experience, networking with OLA Volunteers and Staff and experiencing the Festival from the inside you will receive accommodations, some meals and a Festival T-Shirt

You will never be asked to perform a duty you are uncomfortable with, nor will you be placed in any conflict of interest situation. Remember that you are representing the OLA as an ambassador of lacrosse while volunteering. It is expected that you will dress appropriately (including no home club/zone/team wear) and will immediately remove yourself from any situations/decisions that would be perceived by those involved as a conflict of interest.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING PLEASE EMAIL: lauriehansen19@gmail.com